MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

FOR THE

URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT

OF

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

FOR THE YEAR, 1945.

BY

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July, 1946.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER.

(STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL).

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1945.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is :-
6,343 acres land and inland waters.
838 " tidal waters.
The population is 5,484.
There are 1,928 inhabited houses in the Town.
The Rateable Value of the district is £24,337.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS...	55	44	99
Legitimate.	50	40	90
Illegitimate	5	4	9

Birth Rate (excluding Still-births) 18.05 per 1,000.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
STILL-BIRTHS, Legitimate.. ...	2	1	3
Illegitimate.. ...	-	-	-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
DEATHS	50	27	77
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR..			
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate...	-	-	-

Death Rate (all ages) 14.04 per 1,000.

CASES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Influenza.	1	-	1
Cancer.	12	4	16
Other respiratory.	-	1	1
Diabetes.	-	1	1
Pneumonia.	1	-	1

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued).

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral haemorrhage.	8	9	17
Heart disease.	10	4	14
Other circulatory.	1	1	2
Bronchitis.	2	-	2
Digestive diseases.	1	-	1
Nephritis.	-	1	1
Congenital causes etc.	2	2	4
Suicide.	-	-	-
Road Traffic Accidents.	-	-	-
Other violence.	1	-	1
Other defined diseases.	11	4	15

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year :-

Scarlet Fever.	3.
Chickenpox.	9.
Whooping-cough.	7.
Puerperal Fever.	1.
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	1.
Measles.	64.

Tuberculosis - 4 male : 3 female.

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

	Under 5.	5 - 15.	Total.
No. of children who completed immunisation during the year.	98.	1.	99.

HEALTH SERVICES ACT.

Two trained Nurses (also qualified in Midwifery) are provided by arrangement with the Lincolnshire Nursing Association for Midwifery and General District Work in the area.

HEALTH SERVICES ETC. CONTD.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, a Tuberculosis Clinic and Clinic V.D. at its premises at No. 50, Holydyke.

Maternity Homes provided by the County Council at Scunthorpe and C[illegible]thorpes.

The Local Council have now procured an Ambulance which is available for the residents of Barton and the surrounding districts.

There is no hospital in the Urban District, but a scheme has been submitted for a small hospital and health centre.

Accommodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Lindsey C.C. at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Smallpox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at Lincoln.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and about 76% of the houses in the Town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Council at present, for the emergency only employs 1 full-time Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

The water-carriage system for disposal of excreta is being extended, and 46 Conversions have taken place during the year.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's Report that most of the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal notices.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

No new houses have been erected during the year.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year -

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 132.

(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose. 175.

(2) No. of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 138.

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

No. of Defective Dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their Officers. 45.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year -

1. Proceedings under Public Health Acts. 2.

a. No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 5.

b. No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

1. By owners. 1.

BAKEHOUSES.

Number in district : 5. Number of Inspections : 15.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Number on register : 3. (only two in use).
Number of Inspections : Daily (295).

SEWERAGE - CLOSETS.

Number of houses with privy vaults in district : 101.
Number of houses with pail closets in district : 893.
Number of pail closets repaired:29. Number of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles : 46. Number of houses with water-closets in district : 854.
Number of pail closets substituted for privy vaults : 1.

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed &c. : 48.

Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped &c. 6.
Waste pipes, rainwater pipes, disconnected, repaired &c. 3.
Drains reconstructed. 1.

DISINFECTION.

Rooms disinfected, (ordinary infectious disease) : 1.
Rooms stripped and cleansed. : 3.

HOUSE REFUSE.

No. of covered ashpits : None in collection area.

No. of uncovered ashpits : None in collection area.

No. of bins substituted for ashpits : -.

No. of houses using bins : 1821.

Is refuse removed by house holders or by Public Scavenger? Public Scavenger.

How frequently is refuse removed from each house : Weekly.

No. of complaints of non-removal : None.

Method of final disposal : Tipping.

Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory? : Yes.

NUISANCES.

Total number of nuisances during year:-

1. Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector : 240.

2. Reported to Council. a. Statutory notice issued : 36.

b. Statutory notice not issued : 50

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DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.

	After Informal Intimation.	After Statutory Notice.
Dampness.	11.	1.
Yards repaired.		1.
Other nuisances.	120.	34.

Supplementary Remarks.

There has been a satisfactory improvement in the number of Closet Conversions during the year, and I think there is no doubt that the increase in the grant-in-aid offered by the Council has been fully justified.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR.

There is a good deal of overcrowding in the town, and the housing programme should be pushed forward with all speed in order to leviate as quickly as possible this unsatisfactory housing position.

When the above conditions allow, the Council should take in hand the provision of improved social services for the well being of the residents in the Urban District.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,
F.P.H. BIRTWHISTLE,

Medical Officer of Health.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER.